



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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May 13, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

33 May 13, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO
ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE BONELLI PARK OAK TREE PLANTING PROJECT AT
FRANK G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK TO BE PERFORMED BY MILLENNIUM-DIAMOND ROAD
PARTNERS, LLC
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a license agreement for the Bonelli Park Oak Tree Planting Project, a phased native oak tree planting and monitoring project valued at approximately \$789,893, and to accept the donation of the improvements from Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, on behalf of the County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the Bonelli Park Oak Tree Planting Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the proposed project involves new landscaping, and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a license agreement and execute ancillary documents, such as a performance bond agreement with Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, to install, maintain, and monitor phased native oak tree plantings at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, and to accept the donated value of the project valued at approximately \$789,893 on behalf of the County.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of appreciation to Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, in form similar to the attached draft letter, for its generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a license agreement with Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC (Millennium) to implement the Bonelli Park Oak Tree Planting Project (Project), and donate the improvements to the County.

The Project, valued at approximately \$789,893, consists of planting 3,000 native oak trees to improve the native habitat of the area and provide additional shade to the various trail areas used by equestrians, bicyclists, and hikers. The Project scope includes temporary and permanent irrigation improvements, erosion and pest control, and weed abatement and clean-up. The Project also includes a ten-year implementation plan to maintain and monitor the native oak tree planting program to ensure the sustainability of the tree planting.

The Project is mitigation mandated by the City of Diamond Bar (City) for impacts to 7.94 acres of oak woodland and 5.20 acres of walnut woodland in the City, associated with the City's Tentative Tract Map 53430. Millennium is required by the City to provide for both on-site and off-site mitigation to satisfy the habitat mitigation requirement for Millennium's 80-acre, 48-lot single family residential development.

For Millennium's off-site mitigation, Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park (Park) provides the best location due to the park's proximity to the City, and the appropriateness of the plantings with respect to existing conditions in the Park. The County bears no responsibility whatsoever for any aspect of the City's off-site mitigation requirement, including, but not limited to, planting, irrigation, maintenance, and planting replacement, nor for achieving any of the performance standards within the seven-to-ten-year establishment period. A letter from the City to this effect is attached (Attachment I). Millennium's biological monitor will manage the project and coordinate with the Park Superintendent as needed.

The term (duration) of the license will be for ten years, inclusive of an approximately one-year period for irrigation system modifications and oak tree planting, followed by monitoring to ensure sustainability of the planted oak trees.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 2) by accepting a donation that improves a County park and benefits the people of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact to the County. The Project will be completed at the expense and responsibility of Millennium and guaranteed through the provision of Surety Bond(s) to be held by the County for both the implementation and maintenance phases of the Project. At Project completion, the estimated donation value to the County will be approximately \$789,893.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the recommended actions, the Department anticipates one-time and ongoing operating

costs. One-time funding of approximately \$12,000 is needed for supplies to protect and support the Project, including fencing, signs, and irrigation supplies. Ongoing funding of approximately \$11,000 is needed for irrigation repair parts, mulch, and water service for the trees. The Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to confirm the appropriate level of funding, and request the one-time and ongoing funds in the Department's Fiscal Year 2014-15 New Facilities request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government Code Section 25355.

Three thousand trees will be planted, and the existing irrigation systems will be reconfigured in the planting areas to accommodate the tree planting. Park staff will be responsible for watering the trees for a period of three years to allow them to become established. All irrigation planning and work will be coordinated with and approved by Park staff for each area prior to any commencement of work.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15304(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 4 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed Project consists of the addition, and alterations in the condition of the land and vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. In addition, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make these exemptions inapplicable based on Project records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any current services or projects at the Park. Activities required to complete the work will be scheduled to ensure that there are no negative impacts on patron services or scheduled events.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of appreciation to the Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, for their generous donation, in form similar to the attached draft letter (Attachment II), to: Stanley Cheung, Principal, Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC, 2707 South Diamond Bar Boulevard, Suite 202, Diamond Bar, California 91765.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

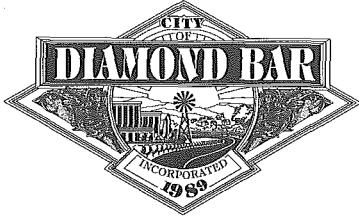
RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors



City of Diamond Bar

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October 7, 2013

Ms. Kathline King, AICP, LEED AP
Chief of Planning
Planning Division-Environmental and Regulatory Permitting
County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation
510 S. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Re: Tentative Tract Map No. 53430

Dear Ms. King:

In accordance with the project-specific Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Mitigation Measures for the Biological Resources, the applicant has prepared Habitat Mitigation Plans (HMP) entitled *Draft Riparian Mitigation Plan, Tentative Tract Map No. 53430, Diamond Bar, California* (dated September 6, 2013) and *Draft Oak and Walnut Woodland Mitigation Program, Tract Map No. 53430, Diamond Bar, California* (dated September 25, 2013). The HMPs define appropriate mitigation program requirements to address the project's impacts to oak and walnut woodland habitat.

The HMPs specifically recognize on- and off-site mitigation areas, including open space areas within Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park. The HMPs do not specify any long-term preservation requirements for the Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park site and the City of Diamond Bar will not require any additional long-term preservation measures beyond performance bonds by the project developer for the habitat installation phase and the 7-to 10-year maintenance and monitoring phase at that location. There will be no County financial obligation for this project.

The City of Diamond Bar has reviewed the above-referenced mitigation plans and determines that they fully satisfy all of the requirements of the pertinent Mitigation Measures described in the EIR, specifically MM 3.3-5 (a-g) and 3.3-6 (a-g).

Sincerely,

Greg Gubman, AICP
Community Development Director

cc: David Hughes, BonTerra Consulting
Stanley Cheung, Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC

Jack Tanaka
Mayor

Ron Everett
Mayor Pro Tem

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ATTACHMENT II

SAMPLE DONATION LETTER

(DATE)

Stanley Cheung, Principal
Millennium-Diamond Road Partners, LLC
2707 S. Diamond Bar Blvd., Suite 202
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Mr. Cheung:

DONATION

At its meeting held on May 13, 2014, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the generous donation of the Bonelli Park Oak Tree Planting Project, valued at approximately \$789,893, at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park.

This donation of 3,000 native oak trees will improve the native habitat of the area and provide additional shade to the various trail areas used by equestrians, bicyclists, and hikers. We appreciate your effort to help improve the oak woodland habitat at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park.

The Board members requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very Truly Yours,

Sachi Hamai
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors